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- 1. JP-A-10-313267, published November 24, 1998 to NEC Corp., with English Abstract.
- 2. JP-A-11-17649, published January 22, 1999 to Kokusai Electric Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
- 3. JP-A-2000-49751, published February 18, 2000 to Toshiba Corp., with English Abstract.
- 4. JP-A-2001-148640, published May 29, 2001 to NTT Docomo Inc., with English Abstract.
- 5. JP-A-10-271034, published October 9, 1998 to Matsushita Electric Ind. Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.

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- 6. JP-A-11-274982, published October 8, 1999 to Sony Corp., with English Abstract.
- 7. JP-A-2000-78106, published March 14, 2000 to NEC Corp., with English Abstract.
- 8. European Patent Application No. 0 945 995 A2, published September 29, 1999 to Sony Corp.
- 9. WO 99/57819, published November 11, 1999 to Ericsson Radio Systems AB.

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